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1. The operation of the Niederwartha works is completely under Russian direction; the central office is said to be in Berlin-Weissensee. Konstruktions-und Technisches Büro (KTB) 21 and KTB 12 have both been mentioned in connection with the Niederwartha plant. In mid-April a wooden chest marked KTB-21 was seen lying in the precincts of the Niederwartha works.
2. The Niederwartha works lies on the Coswig-Niederwartha-Dresden railway line. (See attached sketch.)
3. In Shop #1, the former power plant hall, all secret experiments are carried on. At the point marked by a circle there is a construction scaffold made of wood which reaches through three stories. Its height is estimated at 10 - 12 meters. As far as the second story this scaffold resembles a high tension transformer. Above that part there are two or three pillars which appear to end in ball-shaped objects.
4. In Shop #2 a laboratory is located. On the first floor of this building there seems to be an assembly shop in which women are employed. The second floor does not appear to be used.
5. Building #3 seems to be a joiners' and mechanics' shop. Wood is stored in front of it, and the noise of a sawmill was heard there. Some workers were observed working on parts of lattice-work masts.
6. Mechanics and fitters from Koch & Sterzel, Dresden, worked at Niederwartha for some weeks on the erection and overhaul of a high tension transformer and switch installations. Workmen are brought in trucks to the Niederwartha works a few days each week. Their work is said to be done in Shop #1, and local radios are rendered useless while they are there.
7. Within the last few weeks trains which were unloaded by Russian troops have arrived with equipment for Shop #1. This shop is very closely guarded, and there is only one entrance, a bridge over the pipe canal. Sentries are posted at points "A", "B", and "C", and the Russians maintain two-man patrols in the neighborhood. [redacted] a Russian professor and the former German director of the atomic energy experiments in Döbeln work at Niederwartha.

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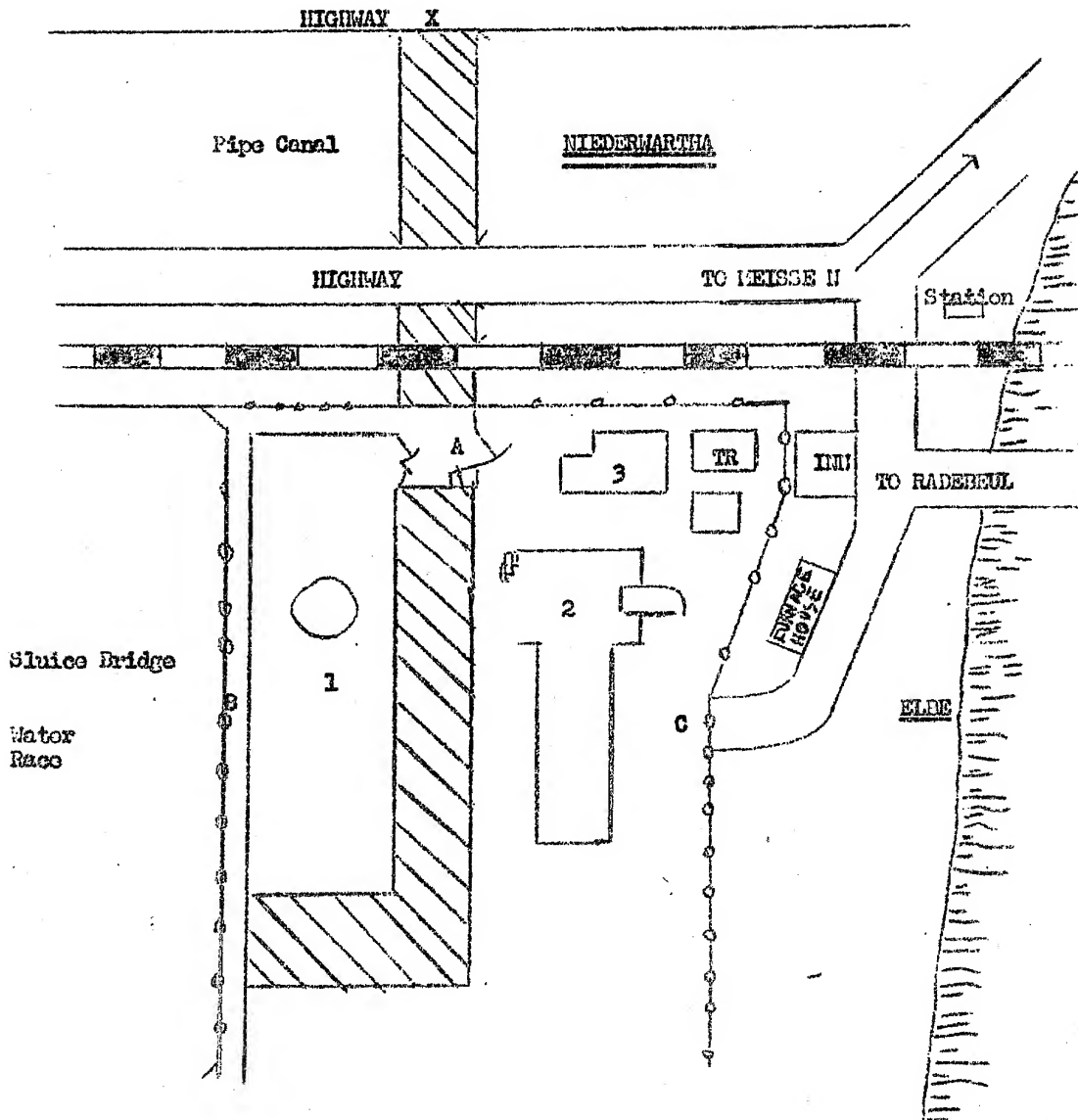
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